

## RULE ABUSED

### Canada Slams the Back Door on Immigrants

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OTTAWA—For almost 400 years the immigrants have come to Canada, a land of beauty and promise with room enough to embrace a settler's most expansive dreams.

And for most of those four centuries, Canada's door has been wide open, welcoming new manpower and new ideas to a country that stretches from the frozen North Pole to a 4,000-mile border with the United States.

Here, sprawling over 3.9 million square miles, is the world's second largest nation in terms of land size. Its population of 22 million is far less than half of what experts believe the land's capacity is.

But in recent months, at least one of Canada's open doors to the world's immigrants has been slammed shut.

Government officials prefer to think of it as immigration's back door, and they insist that the front door—through which pass millions of legal immigrants—is still wide open.

They point out that there is no quota system, and that a dozen new offices have been opened in the past month in the United States alone to facilitate those who want to make Canada their new home.

The back door is a different matter, and its closing embarrasses the civil servants now charged with explaining what went wrong—and with convincing the world that there's still a welcome mat out at the other end of the house.

The back door was opened in 1967 when immigration laws were liberalized to allow foreigners to apply for permanent residency after they were already in Canada.

It was shut tight last Nov. 3 when authorities discovered that immigrants were using the new rule to circumvent the law and, possibly more distressing, were violating its liberal spirit.

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## Japan May Loosen Investment Curbs

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TOKYO—Finance Minister Kiichi Aichi said Monday night he hoped Japan would be able to abolish government restrictions on foreign investment by spring.

"My own thinking is to permit 100% foreign ownership in established enterprises, in enterprises to be newly established, in retailing, in everything," Aichi said.

Speaking at a Japan National Press Club dinner, Aichi qualified his sweeping statement by saying that realization of such an about-face in Japan's investment policy "depends on our efforts." Officials in the Ministry of International Trade and Industry, which Aichi did not specifically mention, are known to be opposed to the new finance minister's proposal.

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## Vietnam Peace Talks Resume Today; Pact Seen by Thursday

BY DON COOK  
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PARIS — The apparent final round of the Vietnam peace talks begins this morning at the international conference center at the Hotel Majestic and a cease-fire agreement is now confidently expected to be announced by Wednesday or Thursday.

Presidential adviser Henry A. Kissinger returned to Paris shortly before midnight Monday wearing a bright red necktie and a relaxed and satisfied grin, but his only words as he posed for the cameras at Orly Airport were: "I don't have anything to say."

He departed immediately for a midnight meeting with South Vietnam Foreign Minister Tran Van Lam, who had arrived earlier in the day from Saigon, in preparation for what may well prove to be the finale of this long, tortured search for a Vietnam peace.

Kissinger and Le Duc Tho, his opposite number from North Vietnam, will sit down at 9:30 a.m. Paris time

## FOREMAN KO'S FRAZIER TO WIN WORLD RING TITLE

George Foreman, 24-year-old Californian, scored a stunning second-round knockout over Joe Frazier in Kingston, Jamaica, Monday night to lift Frazier's world's heavyweight title before an estimated 38,000 fans.

Frazier, 29 and undefeated in 29 previous professional fights, was knocked down six times by the big challenger, three times in the first round and three more times in the second round, before referee Arthur Mercante of New York stopped the slaughter.

Official winning time was 1:35 of the second round as Foreman, who won the Olympic Games heavyweight gold medal at Mexico City in 1968, completely dominated the fight. It was his 38th consecutive victory, 35 of them by knockout.

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## Supreme Court Rule Gives Women Right to Have Abortions

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WASHINGTON—Women have a constitutional right to an abortion in the first six months of pregnancy, the Supreme Court ruled Monday in a decision that strikes down anti-abortion laws across the country.

Despite its broad sweep, however, the 7-2 ruling fell short of endorsing the abortion-on-demand principle urged by some pro-abortion and women's liberation groups.

The right to an abortion, an offshoot of the constitutional "right to privacy," is a "qualified" privilege, the majority said. Even after Monday's decision, the states can still put some controls on abortion because of their "legitimate interest" in protecting the mother's health and the life of the child.

Justices Byron R. White and William H. Rehnquist dissented, accusing the majority of exercising "raw judicial power" by intruding in a matter that "should be left with the people and to the political processes the people have devised to govern their affairs."

### Controls Could Vary

Justice Harry A. Blackmun, writing for the majority, spelled out in unusual detail the form that state abortion laws may take in the future. The extent of state controls must vary with the stage of the pregnancy.

In the first three months of pregnancy, the decision to perform an abortion and the conditions under which it is performed must be left to the discretion of the patient and her doctor, Blackmun said.

Legal restrictions at this stage are invalid, he said, because medical techniques have improved so drastically that an early abortion "is now relatively safe" and the state has no reason to interfere.

During the second three months, the dangers of medical complications increase and justify state controls that are "reasonably related to the preservation and protection of maternal health," Blackmun wrote.

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## 5,000 on Island off Iceland Flee Fury of Volcano

### Fishing Center in Danger of Splitting; Helicopters, Boats Conduct Evacuation

Exclusive to The Times from Reuters

REYKJAVIK, Iceland — Inhabitants of an island off Iceland's southern coast fled in fishing boats early today after a volcano, extinct for 7,000 years, erupted and threatened to split their homeland in half.

There were no immediate reports of injuries, but radio distress messages asked all ships in the area to head for the main harbor of Vestmannaeyjar on Heymaey Island, where the 5,000 inhabitants were marshaled for evacuation.

The glowing volcano, only two miles south of Vestmannaeyjar, lit up the tiny island—one of Iceland's main fisheries centers in the Westman Islands, 10 miles off the main Icelandic coast and 80 miles southeast of Reykjavik. The eruption hurled molten debris more than 1,500 feet into the air.

Terrified inhabitants crowded the streets after the eruption at 2:30 a.m. local time, but the town was not immediately threatened by the lava spurting from Helgafell Mountain. The molten rock was flowing into the sea on the east side of the main island.

### Volcano Reportedly Splits

Eyewitnesses reported the volcano had split in half and the chasm was extending on a northward course just east of the town. There were fears that if the split widened, part of the island might sink or there could be further eruptions.

The state radio announced that civil defense authorities had told people to gather at the harbor to be evacuated.

The first Icelandic coast guard vessel was expected at Vestmannaeyjar—the only inhabited area on the islands—arriving from the country's southeast coast.

But the exodus was already under way. A harbor management source said the island's fishing boats had been sailing away one after the other, carrying between 30 and 100 refugees.

The boats headed for Thorlakshofn on the mainland.

All patients of the Westman Islands hospital were being flown out by helicopter.

The island's doctor, Oli Valur Sigurdsson, said about 40 patients had to be moved, many of them on stretchers.

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## Court Will Review Church School Aid

Exclusive to The Times from a Staff Writer

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court Monday announced a major review of state laws providing subsidies and tax credits to the parents of parochial school students.

The justices added to their docket six cases, two from Pennsylvania and four from New York, that are expected to determine the constitutionality of various state efforts to help the nation's financially troubled church schools.

The issue has political as well as practical overtones. President Nixon has frequently supported parochial school aid and his views have been endorsed by educators who fear that public school systems will be overwhelmed if parochial schools are forced to close.

In their announcement, the justices did not set a specific date for the arguments. Their docket is presently so congested, however, that it seems unlikely that they could hear the appeals before this fall.

The Pennsylvania appeals, filed by the state and by 13 parents of children enrolled in nonpublic schools, involve reimbursements of up to \$150 for each child attending a private or a parochial school.

Parents receive the subsidy once they prove that they paid tuition. There are no restrictions on their use of the money.

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## THE WEATHER

National Weather Service forecast: Fair today, but increasing cloudiness Wednesday. High today, 72; Wednesday, 65. High Monday, 71; low, 42.

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# Johnson Dies at 64; Inspired Reforms, Peace Eluded Him



LAST DAYS ON THE RANCH—Former President Lyndon B. Johnson holding his pet dog, Yuki, during an interview 11 days ago. (AP photo)

## Stricken at His Ranch in Texas by Heart Attack

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Lyndon Baines Johnson, whose Presidency in the turbulent 1960s launched the nation on a course of sweeping domestic reform but foundered on the war in Vietnam, died Monday.

The 64-year-old Texan, who had a history of heart trouble dating back to 1955, was stricken at his ranch in Johnson City, Tex., and was rushed by plane to Brooke Army Medical Center here, an aide said.

He was pronounced dead at 3:43 p.m. PST at San Antonio International Airport by a Johnson City physician, Dr. David J. Abbott.

A hospital spokesman said early today that the cause of death appeared to be a coronary thrombosis. An autopsy performed at Brooke

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showed that Mr. Johnson had severe coronary artery disease with two of three major arteries to the heart completely blocked and the third 60% blocked. Further results of the autopsy were to be announced later.

A spokesman for the family said the former President was found lying on his back on the floor of his bedroom, by two Secret Service agents.

Mr. Johnson, the 36th President, was the nation's only living former President, his death coming less than a month after that of Harry S. Truman.

The first Southerner to hold the Presidency since 1865, Mr. Johnson was one of the strongest advocates of civil rights legislation, both during his more than two decades in Congress and while he was in the White House.

He proposed the Voting Rights Act later enacted by the 89th Congress. He also initiated the war on poverty and the Great Society, a collection of domestic social programs—many of which liberal Democrats had fought for unsuccessfully since Franklin D. Roosevelt's era.

### 'Quieter but in Good Spirits'

The Johnson family spokesman, Tom Johnson, who is no relation, quoted Mr. Johnson's wife, Lady Bird, as saying after his death: "His health seemed no different than it had been recently. He seemed a bit quieter but was in good spirits."

Mrs. Johnson was quoted as saying that she cooked breakfast for her husband Monday morning as she had for the last three days while the house attendant was vacationing.

Tom Johnson said at a news conference that the former President—who usually took a nap after lunch—called the ranch switchboard Monday afternoon and asked that an agent be sent to his bedroom.

Agents Ed Noland and Harry Harris arrived with a portable resuscitator two minutes later. "They found Johnson lying on his back on

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## HAD INTIMATIONS OF DEATH

### Neighbors Recall Final Days of His Troubled Retirement

BY NICHOLAS C. CHRISS  
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Mr. Johnson, his friends agreed, never learned to take it easy.

He returned to his ranch on Jan. 21, 1969, to retire. And he died Jan. 22, 1973. That worked out to about one year of retirement for each of the almost four decades of his public life that took him from rural school teacher to President of the United States.

These last four years have not been altogether kind to Mr. Johnson. As a friend once told him, it took former President Harry S. Truman more than 10 years of retirement before the public understood and appreciated what he had done as President.

During those last four years of his life, Mr. Johnson led a frenetic life. He was in and out of the hospital with heart trouble. He had been virtually ignored at the Democratic Party convention last summer—a

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him, and we shall honor him." Rusk is now a law professor at the University of Georgia.

Sen. James Eastland (D-Miss.), president pro tempore of the Senate, said: "President Johnson gave a lifetime of faithful and effective service to his state, his nation and all the world. History will record his service as a senator and as its leader the most distinguished of this century."

Ralph Abernathy, the civil rights leader, said, "Had not it been for the Vietnam conflict, it's my earnest belief that Lyndon Johnson would have gone down in history as the greatest President of this republic. He was sensitive to the needs of all Americans, especially the black, the poor and the downtrodden."

Coretta Scott King, wife of slain civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., also said the Vietnam war

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President Nixon led the nation and the world in mourning former President Lyndon B. Johnson Monday.

He called his predecessor "a dynamic leader, a unique personality and a man of great ability and unshakable courage."

Mrs. Johnson telephoned the President and told him of her husband's death in a four-minute conversation. Mr. Nixon had already learned of it through an aide.

"To President Johnson, the 'American Dream' was not a catchphrase—it was a reality of his own life," Mr. Nixon said. "He believed in America—in what America could mean to all of its citizens and what America could mean to the world. In the service of that faith he gave himself completely."

### Triumph and Despair

Mr. Nixon noted that in more than 30 years of public life, Mr. Johnson knew times of triumph and despair, controversy and adulation.

"Yet, no matter what the mood of the moment, at the center of his public life—and at the center of his spirit—was an unshakable conviction in the essential rightness of the American experience," Mr. Nixon said.

"America has lost a very great citizen, a great President, and I've lost a very close friend," said Dean Rusk, secretary of state under Mr. Johnson.

"He gave himself completely to the task to which he was committed, and did so without regard to the effect upon himself. We shall miss

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"The first thing I am going to do is to enjoy being lazy and enjoy being with Lady Bird for a while. She will get tired of me before very long. But we are going to sleep late and not be worried about what may be said here or there. We will just take things easy."

It did not work out quite that way.